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**RODNEY JOHNSON NAMED REGIONAL DIRECTOR
OF NLRB'S NEW ORLEANS REGIONAL OFFICE**

Rodney D. Johnson has been appointed Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board's Regional Office in New Orleans, LA (Region 15).

The NLRB administers and enforces the National Labor Relations Act. It conducts secret-ballot elections to determine whether employees desire union representation and investigates and remedies unfair labor practices.

A career NLRB employee in Region 15, Mr. Johnson joined the New Orleans Office in 1972 as a Field Examiner. He was promoted to the Supervisory Examiner position in 1990 and was appointed Assistant to the Regional Director in 1995. Since July 2002, Mr. Johnson has served as Acting Regional Director in Region 15. As Regional Director, he will supervise the handling of Board cases arising in Louisiana, and parts of Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

In a statement announcing the appointment, NLRB Chairman Robert J. Battista and General Counsel Arthur F. Rosenfeld said:

Rodney Johnson has established himself as a capable manager whose abilities and experience will serve him well in his new position as Regional Director. We are confident that under his leadership the New Orleans Regional Office will continue its tradition of excellence that we have come to expect.

Mr. Johnson and his wife Linda are natives of New Orleans. They have twin daughters, Melissa and Lindsey, who are students at the University of New Orleans.

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